

CLAIMS LISTING

1-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A tubular treatment tool for an endoscope, comprising:
a flexible tubular member, at least one pair of grooves each traversing said flexible tubular member in a direction of a diameter thereof ~~being formed~~; and
an operation wire inserted in said flexible tubular member, said operation wire being movable relative to said flexible ~~tube~~ tubular member along an axis of said flexible ~~tube~~ tubular member, said operation wire running outside of said flexible tubular member through one of said pair of grooves and running inside of said flexible tubular member so that said operation wire is located outside of said flexible tubular member between said pair of grooves, a distal end of said operation wire being secured to said flexible ~~tube~~ tubular member at a position on a distal end side with respect to said pair of grooves.

12. (Original) The tubular treatment tool according to claim 11, wherein each of said grooves has a V-shape cross section.

13. (Original) The tubular treatment tool according to claim 11, wherein said at least one pair of grooves comprises a plurality of pairs of grooves, said operation wire being

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located outside of said flexible tubular member between two grooves of each pair of said plurality of pair of grooves.

14. (Currently Amended) The tubular treatment tool according to claim 13, wherein said plurality of pairs of grooves are located at different ~~position~~ positions along the circumference of said flexible tubular member.

15. (Currently Amended) The tubular treatment tool according to claim 11, wherein a tissue collecting device is secured at the distal end of said flexible ~~tube~~ tubular member.

16-26 (Canceled)